IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PAUL BEGNOCHE,

Petitioner,

v. : 3:15-CV-2047

(JUDGE MARIANI)

BRIAN THOMPSON, et al.,

:

Respondents.

PAUL BEGNOCHE,

Petitioner.

v. : 3:16-CV-2455

(JUDGE MARIANI)

BRIAN THOMPSON, et al.,

:

Respondents.

<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, THIS ________DAY OF JULY, 2020, upon *de novo* review of Magistrate

Judge Carlson's Report & Recommendation ("R&R") (Case No. 3:15-CV-2047, Doc. 163;

Case No. 3:16-CV-2455, Doc. 20), Petitioner's Objections thereto (Case No. 3:15-CV-2047,

Doc. 171), and all relevant filings, for the reasons set forth in this Court's accompanying

memorandum opinion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

 Petitioner's Objections (Case No. 3:15-CV-2047, Doc. 171) are OVERRULED for the reasons explained in this Court's accompanying memorandum opinion.

- 2. The R&R (Case No. 3:15-CV-2047, Doc. 163; Case No. 3:16-CV-2455, Doc. 20) is **ADOPTED** for the reasons explained therein and in this Court's accompanying memorandum opinion.
- Paul Begnoche's First Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
 § 2254 (Case No. 3:15-CV-2047, Doc. 1) is **DENIED**.
- Paul Begnoche's Second Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28
 U.S.C. § 2254 (Case No. 3:16-CV-2455, Doc. 1) is **DENIED**.
- 5. A Certificate of Appealability **SHALL NOT ISSUE**.
- 6. The Clerk of Court is directed to CLOSE the case.

Robert D. Mariani

United States District Judge